

Application No. 09/645,375
Preliminary Amendment dated October 20, 2005
Reply to Notice of Allowance of July 21, 2005

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1-12. These sheets, which includes Figs. 1-12, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-12.

Attachment: Five Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application; the status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1-9 are allowed.

Claims 10-18 are being added.

The acknowledgement, in the Notice of Allowance, of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d), and that the certified copy of the priority document has been received, is noted with appreciation.

The indication, in the Notice of Allowance, that the Examiner has no objections to the drawings filed on August 24, 2000, is noted with appreciation. Formal Replace Drawings are being submitted herewith in order to formalize the drawings. Applicant respectfully requests the approval of the Formal Replacement Drawings.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.


This Amendment increases the number of independent claims by 1 from 2 to 3 (3 claims previously paid for) and increases the total number of claims by 9 from 9 to 18 (20 previously paid for), and does not present any multiple dependency claims. Accordingly, no fee based on the number or type of claims is currently due. However, if a fee, other than the issue fee, is due, please charge this fee to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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If an extension of time is required to enable this document to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

Any other fee required for such Petition for Extension of Time and any other fee required by this document pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, other than the issue fee, and not submitted herewith should be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

Respectfully submitted,

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